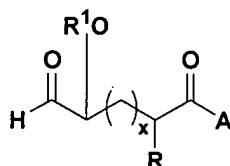


AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMSIn the Claims:

Claim 1 to 7. (Cancelled).

Claim 8. (Currently Amended). A The compound as defined in Claim 1 of the formula



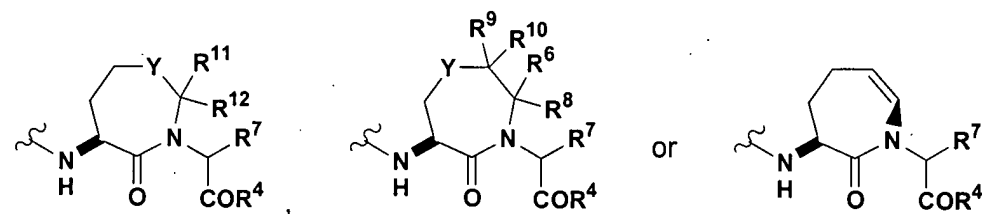
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein

x is 0 or 1, R¹ is H,

R is alkyl or arylalkyl,

p is 0 or an integer from 1 to 8; and

A is a conformationally restricted dipeptide mimic which has the structure



where Y is CH₂,

R⁷, R⁸ and R⁹ are independently selected from hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl-(CH₂)_m-, aryl-(CH₂)_m- and heteroaryl-(CH₂)_m-,

where m is 0 or an integer from 1 to 6;

R⁶, R¹⁰, R¹¹, and R¹² are independently selected from hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl-(CH₂)_p-, aryl-(CH₂)_p- and heteroaryl-(CH₂)_p-; and

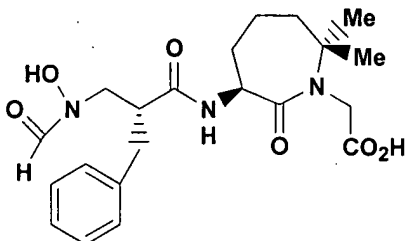
R⁴ is OH

wherein the term heteroaryl alone or as part of another group refers to an aromatic ring which may optionally contain at most one sulfur atom or at most one oxygen atom and/or one to four nitrogen atoms, provided that the total number of heteroatoms in the ring is 4 or less, which aromatic ring may be optionally substituted with one, two or three substituents, and which aromatic

ring may be fused to a benzene ring or a pyridyl ring to form a bicyclic ring which may be optionally substituted.

Claims 9-14. (Canceled).

Claim 15. (Currently Amended) The compound ~~as defined in Claim 1~~ which is



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.